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Staff Report on Phase 2 Scoping

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NEPA/SEPA Joint EIS Process

Scoping

- 2 Phases Public Comment
- Scoping Summary

Draft EIS

Public Comment

Final EIS

Comment Summary with Responses



Scoping Phase 2

- Scoping Notice issued on May 16, 2013, opening public comment period until July 1, 2013
- Public meetings
 - June 5, 2013 Olympia, 27
 - June 10, 2013 Sedro-Woolley, 25
 - June 12, 2013 Forks, 18
 - June 19, 2013 South Bend, 12
- Active public participation reflected in comments
 - 1,976 comment letters (1,905 form letters)



Scoping Phase 2

Commenters:

- American Forest Resources Council (AFRC)
- Black Hills Audubon Society
- Columbia River Alliance for Nurturing the Environment (CRANE)
- City of Forks
- International Forest Products Limited (Interfor)
- Hampton Affiliates
- Hampton Tree Farms
- Hood Canal Environmental Council
- League of Women Voters of Washington
- Lummi Nation
- Many Individual Citizens
- Murphy Company
- North Olympic Timber Action Committee (NOTAC)

- Olympic Forest Coalition (OFCO)
- Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society
- Pilchuck Audubon Society
- Rainier Veneer
- Sierra Club
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- Simpson Lumber Company
- Skagit Audubon Society
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- Tahoma Audubon Society
- WA Contract Loggers Association
- WA Department of Ecology
- WA Forest Law Center
- WA State Association of Counties
- WA State Society of American Foresters
- Willapa Hills Audubon Society



Scoping Phase 2

- The scoping notice requested comments on:
 - Scope of Analysis for DEIS, including for Management Alternatives
 - Any Additional Management Alternatives
 - Impacts
 - Mitigation measures
 - Additional data



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- Also received comments in these areas:
 - Interim Strategy
 - Management Activities
 - Need, Purpose & Objectives
- Reasonable Range of Alternatives
- Trust
- General



Next Steps: Draft EIS

- Draft alternatives for BNR feedback, early 2014.
- Release DEIS Fall 2014.
- Future opportunities for public participation:
 - Public meetings to explain DEIS
 - Written comment period





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